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1995/219. Situation of human rights in Burundi

At its 7th plenary meeting, on 4 May 1995, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1995/90 of 8 March 1995, approved the Commission's request to the Chairman of the Commission to appoint rapidly, after consultation with the Bureau, a special rapporteur with the task of preparing, on the basis of all the information he considered relevant and his contacts with the Burundi authorities and population, a report on the situation of human rights in Burundi for submission to the Commission at its fifty-second session.

1995/220. 1995 session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and the second session of the Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations

At its 7th plenary meeting, on 4 May 1995, the Council decided that the second session of the Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations would take place from 8 to 12 May 1995 and the 1995 session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations from 12 to 23 June 1995.

1995/221. Elections and nominations

Elections

1. At its 8th plenary meeting, on 4 May 1995, the Council took the following action with regard to its subsidiary and related bodies:

COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The following 16 Member States were elected for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1996: ALGERIA, BARBADOS, BULGARIA, COLOMBIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK, GERMANY, INDIA, JORDAN, KENYA, MEXICO, NORWAY, SPAIN, SRI LANKA, SUDAN and TUNISIA.

The Council postponed to a future session the election of one member from African States and two members from Asian States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1996.

STATISTICAL COMMISSION

The following seven Member States were elected for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1996: BULGARIA, CHINA, PAKISTAN, ROMANIA, SUDAN, TOGO and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The Council postponed to a future session the election of one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1996.

COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The following nine Member States were elected for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1996: BRAZIL, BULGARIA, EGYPT, FRANCE, INDONESIA, JAPAN, KENYA, NETHERLANDS and SUDAN.

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The following 11 Member States were elected for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1996: BELARUS, FRANCE, GABON, GERMANY, JAPAN, PERU, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SUDAN, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and VENEZUELA.

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The following 14 Member States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1996: BELARUS, BRAZIL, DENMARK, FRANCE, GUINEA, MADAGASCAR, MALAYSIA, MALI, MEXICO, PAKISTAN, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, UGANDA, UKRAINE and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The following ten Member States were elected for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1996: BRAZIL, CHILE, CHINA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, LEBANON, MALI, NORWAY, SLOVAKIA, SWAZILAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

The following 33 Member States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1996: ALGERIA, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, CANADA, CUBA, CZECH REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EGYPT, FRANCE, GERMANY, GREECE, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), ITALY, JAMAICA, MALAYSIA, MOROCCO, NETHERLANDS, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, POLAND, PORTUGAL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, SOUTH AFRICA, SUDAN, SWEDEN, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, THAILAND, TUNISIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and VENEZUELA.

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The following 20 States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1996: ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, BELGIUM, BENIN, BOLIVIA, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CHINA, COLOMBIA, GABON, GERMANY, GUYANA, MOZAMBIQUE, NETHERLANDS, PAKISTAN, POLAND, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SAUDI ARABIA, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, THAILAND and ZIMBABWE.

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Council postponed to a future session the election of one member from African States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1998.

COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

The Council postponed to a future session the election of two members from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election.

COMMISSION ON NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY AND ON ENERGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

The Council postponed to a future session the election of three members from African States for a term beginning on the date of election.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

The Council postponed to a future session the election of one member from African States and two members from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1997 and one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PROGRAMME OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

The Council elected the following three Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/171: BANGLADESH, INDIA and RUSSIAN FEDERATION.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME/ UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND

The following 11 States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1996: ARGENTINA, BELIZE, CANADA, INDIA, MADAGASCAR, MALAYSIA, NETHERLANDS, ROMANIA, SWITZERLAND, UKRAINE and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The Council agreed to elect Finland and Spain for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 1996 to fill the remainder of the terms of office of France and Norway, which would expire on 31 December 1997.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND

The following 11 States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1996: CANADA, CHINA, CUBA, DENMARK, NAMIBIA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SURINAME, SWITZERLAND, TURKEY, UKRAINE and VIET NAM.

COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES

The Council elected Hungary for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1996.

The Council postponed to a future session the election of two members from among the States included in list A; one member from among the States included

in list B; one member from among the States included in list C; and two members from among the States included in list D.

Nominations

COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION

The Council, in accordance with its resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976 and General Assembly decision 42/450 of 17 December 1987, nominated the following seven Member States for election by the Assembly at its fiftieth session for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1996:

(a) African States (three vacancies): EGYPT, TOGO and ZAIRE;

(b) Asian States (three vacancies): CHINA, JAPAN and REPUBLIC OF KOREA;

(c) Latin American and Caribbean States (one vacancy): URUGUAY.

WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

The Council, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, nominated the following seven Member States for election by the Assembly at its fiftieth session for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1995:

(a) African States (three vacancies): ALGERIA, MALI and TOGO;

(b) Asian States (three vacancies): INDIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF) and JAPAN;

(c) Eastern European States (one vacancy): HUNGARY.

The Council postponed the nomination of two members from Latin American and Caribbean States and three members from Western European and other States.

The Council further postponed the nomination of two members from Western European and other States postponed by the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, and one member from Eastern European States and one member from Western European and other States postponed by the Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

2. At its 10th plenary meeting, on 1 June 1995, the Council took the following action:

PROGRAMME COORDINATION BOARD OF THE JOINT AND CO-SPONSORED PROGRAMME ON HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS/ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME (HIV/AIDS)

In accordance with Council resolution 1994/24 of 26 July 1994, the following 21 Member States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1996: ALGERIA, AUSTRALIA, BARBADOS, BULGARIA, CANADA, CHINA, CONGO, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, FRANCE, INDIA, JAPAN, MEXICO, NETHERLANDS, PAKISTAN, PARAGUAY, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SOUTH AFRICA, SWEDEN, UGANDA, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The Council postponed to a future session the election of one member from Asian States.

3. At its 11th plenary meeting, on 6 June 1995, the Council took the following action:

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Council elected SWAZILAND for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1998.

1995/222. Documentation

At its 9th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1995, the Economic and Social Council decided that:

(a) The format of the provisional programme of work of the Council should be changed so that there would be a provisional programme of work for the organizational sessions and the substantive sessions. Those new documents should list, side by side, in addition to agenda items, the reports expected under each segment and/or item, and they should be available in all languages for consideration by delegations at least four weeks before the organizational sessions and 14 weeks before the substantive sessions;

(b) A report on the status of documentation should be available to delegations three weeks before the resumed organizational session of the Council;

(c) Should a report for any session of the Council be issued shortly before or on the same day that an item or segment was to be considered, the officer responsible for the introduction of the report should be accountable to the Council, that is to say, said officer should give the reasons for the delay.

1995/223. Joint and co-sponsored Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS)

1. At its 9th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1995, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Programme Coordination Board of the Joint and Co-sponsored Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) should comprise 22 elected members. The distribution of seats would be as follows:

(a) Five seats for African States;

(b) Five seats for Asian States;

(c) Two seats for Eastern European States;

(d) Three seats for Latin American and Caribbean States;

(e) Seven seats for Western European and other States.

2. The Council further decided to continue informal consultations on the following questions:

(a) Representation on the Programme Coordination Board of the six co-sponsoring organizations and non-governmental organizations;

(b) Which body or bodies would conduct elections subsequent to the first election, which would be conducted by the Economic and Social Council.

3. This decision should be read in conjunction with the report on the consultations coordinated by the Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations, His Excellency Mr. Richard Butler AM, 1/ and statements made by other representatives on the same occasion and at the time of the adoption of the present decision.

1995/224. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

At its 9th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1995, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its decisions 1995/213 and 1995/214 of 10 February 1995, decided that the high-level meeting of the operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment of the Council's substantive session of 1995 would consider as a principal theme the implementation by the United Nations system of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development; 2/ focus could be given to, inter alia, action taken after the Conference to implement the integrated approach to population and development issues. A second issue would be a preliminary exchange on the follow-up by the United Nations system to the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development 3/ and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development; 4/ consideration could be given to the direction to be taken by the United Nations system for adopting an approach to social development issues in accordance with the framework developed by the Summit.

1995/225. Informal consultations on the draft platform for action of the Fourth World Conference on Women

At its 10th plenary meeting, on 1 June 1995, the Economic and Social Council decided:

(a) To authorize the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women to conduct open-ended informal consultations from 31 July to 4 August 1995 to further consider the draft platform for action of the Fourth World Conference on Women, specifically portions of the text of the draft platform for action that remained within brackets;

1/ E/1995/60.

2/ Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994 (A/CONF.171/13 and Add.1), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

3/ Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995 (A/CONF.166/9), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

4/ Ibid., annex II.

(b) That the results of such consultations should be transmitted in the form of a non-paper to the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing for its pre-Conference consultations.

1995/226. Establishment of an open-ended ad hoc intergovernmental panel on forests

At its 10th plenary meeting, on 1 June 1995, the Council decided, upon the recommendation of the Commission on Sustainable Development, to approve the establishment of an open-ended ad hoc intergovernmental panel on forests.

1995/227. Revision of the general regulations of the World Food Programme and reconstitution of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes as the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

At its 11th plenary meeting, on 6 June 1995, the Economic and Social Council decided to recommend to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1714 (XVI) of 19 December 1961, 2095 (XX) of 20 December 1965 and 3404 (XXX) of 28 November 1975, concerning the establishment and continuation of the United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations World Food Programme, and its resolution 46/22 of 5 December 1991 on the revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme and enlargement of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food Programme,

Recalling also its resolution 48/162 of 20 December 1993, on further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Having considered Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 of 6 June 1995 adopted on the recommendation of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food Programme concerning the governance of the Programme, the revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme, and the reconstitution of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes as the Executive Board of the World Food Programme,

1. Decides, subject to the concurrence of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, that the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes shall be reconstituted as the Executive Board of the World Food Programme, with 36 members elected from among the States Members of the United Nations or the States members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and that the Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations shall elect 18 members each, as set forth in paragraph 2 below;

2. Also decides that the members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme shall be elected on an interim basis for four years from among the States included in the lists set out in the Basic Texts of the World Food

Programme, 5/ in accordance with the following distribution of seats, it being understood that this allocation of seats creates no precedent for the composition of other United Nations bodies of a limited membership:

(a) Nine members from the States included in list A, five members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and four by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(b) Seven members from the States included in list B, four members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and three by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(c) Five members from the States included in list C, two members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and three by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(d) Twelve members from the States included in list D, six members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and six by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(e) Two members from the States included in list E, one member to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and one by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(f) One additional member alternating between the States included in lists B and C, starting with list C, to be elected by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

3. Further decides that the above-mentioned distribution of seats shall be reviewed within two years after the establishment of the Executive Board with a view to achieving its final structure in accordance with paragraphs 25 and 30 and other relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 48/162; that the review shall be conducted in parallel by the Assembly and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, taking into account the relevant inputs of the Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; and that its results shall enter into force on 1 January 2000;

4. Requests the Economic and Social Council, at its resumed substantive session of 1995, to elect 18 members of the Executive Board for a term beginning on 1 January 1996 in accordance with the following distribution and terms of office:

(a) Five members from the States included in list A, two for a term of three years, one for a term of two years and two for a term of one year;

(b) Four members from the States included in list B, one for a term of three years, two for a term of two years and one for a term of one year;

(c) Two members from the States included in list C, one for a term of three years and one for a term of one year;

(d) Six members from the States included in list D, two for a period of three years, two for a period of two years and two for a period of one year;

5/ Reproduced in E/1995/L.11, annex II.

(e) One member from the States included in list E, for a period of two years;

5. Decides that thereafter all members of the Executive Board shall be elected for a term of three years and requests the Economic and Social Council to make such provisions as ensure that the terms of office of six members elected by each of the two Councils shall expire in each calendar year;

6. Decides to approve the revised General Regulations of the World Food Programme contained in annex I of the note by the Secretary-General on the transformation of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food Programme into an executive board, 6/ as endorsed by the Economic and Social Council in its decision ____ and by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at the ____ meeting of its _____ session, on _____ 1995.

7. Decides, subject to the concurrence of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, that the revised General Regulations shall enter into force on 1 January 1996.

6/ E/1995/14.